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Dear Co-Chair Winfield, Co-Chair Stafstrom, Vice Chair Flexer, Vice Chair Blumenthal, Ranking Member Kissel, Ranking Member Fishbein, and all members of the Judiciary Committee:

I know that for you to want to hold a seat in the Judiciary Committee you must truly care for the concerns of your constituents in this State. So as a law abiding responsible Second Amendment supporter and Winchester resident, I want you opposing these nonsense bills.

House Bill No. 5397 - AN ACT DECLARING GUN VIOLENCE A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS AND ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND ADVISORY COUNCIL ON GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION.  
Next we will need one for knife violence, car accidents, and fighting. You had a task force for gun violence and illegal guns. It didnt work, remember. You failed it and closed it down. It was too big to help.

House Bill No. 5416 - AN ACT PROHIBITING THE BULK PURCHASE OF FIREARM.

I compete in pistol competitions regularly. I buy several of the same pistol for that reason. Connecticut already made it hard enough to compete on a professional level by limiting purchasing to 10 round mags, forcing CT residents to purchase normal size mags in the state they are competing and leaving them to other competitors every time the return home. A lot of money wasted for absolutely no reason. A less than 1 second reload wouldnt matter in the event of an attack on innocent people sadly. It is everything when competing on this level for money and recognition when time is the only factor. But we make it work dispite Connecticut's huge unfriendliness to gun competition. Another thing CT has all but driven from the state. Ive also recently wanted to get into collecting old revolvers. Works of art like the top break S&W Model 3 Schofield or the Colt Army. These are generally hard to find and normally sold as collections. Which you cant do with this law. It will stifle many people's hobby.

Governors Bill: 2022 SB 16 - AN ACT ADDRESSING GUN VIOLENCE AND JUVENILE CRIME.

If you would like an example of what I would have to reach really hard to see and call an assault weapon, see the billions in our citizen's tax dollars that were left behind to TERRORISTS by our commander in chief. Treason i would call it. Next day they were used to kill people that didnt cooperate. Again, crimes are done by criminals. Im not a criminal. Stop slapping the hands of Juveniles committing crimes and do something about it. Next day, week, or month they are right out there again. Maybe if you toss that book a little harder at them it might actually hit them. Isnt that the Judiciary branch's job?

Bills that I do support:

Senate Bill No. 388 - THE DEFENSE OF A PERSON OR A PERSON'S DWELLING, PLACE OF WORK OR MOTOR VEHICLE.  
No one should have to cower before another human being. If a man or woman has the intention to do harm to my family or a friend in my dwelling I want to know that Connecticut sees I am in my right to defend myself and them without once being seen as a criminal, like it should be.

H.B. No. 5415 – THE TRANSFER OF CONNECTICUT DEFINED ASSAULT WEAPONS AND NORMAL TO LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES.

Lets get this out there. A 17 round mag is a normal capacity mag so lets change the way we word bills and stop blatantly lying like you may be, and everyone else is. If it sticks a foot out of the bottom of the pistol, its large capacity. 21 rounds is not. 10 round cap just makes you carry more mags. Its not the burden officials think it is in the least bit. I have no

problem carrying 3 extra mags. Its not the weight of the mag, they weigh nothing. Just needed to fix that part of the description of the bill for you.

#### H.B. No. 5412 – THE DUTY TO RETREAT IN A RELIGIOUS HOUSE OF WORSHIP.

I have been a firearms owner for the past few years. I have complied with every law. I have followed every ordinance in CT concerning the purchase, storage, and use of firearms and related equipment and accessories. Yet the Governor seems intent on blaming me for illegal gun violence and his solution is to make it more of a hardship to exercise my 2nd amendment rights. I am also upset that there are more minorities like me who are legally obtaining permits, going to classes, and joining ranges and clubs in Connecticut, only to be potentially stifled by Ned Lamont's poorly targeted legislation. In addition, his plans include adding additional burden to CT firearms retail shops, which will make it harder for businesses to grow and thrive: like Stratford Guns and Ammo in Stratford - a new minority owned gun shop, or ELG Firearms in East Hartford - a minority owned firearms training business, The Gun Store in Waterbury, just to name a few. If you do even a little research you'll discover how many minority communities these proposals will adversely affect. Especially the Black community. I have been a victim of police abuse of power DOZENS of times throughout the years and the only thing that stop it from happening further was laws making it so cops could not stop you for no reason. Now just carrying a pistol legally will be reason enough for police to stop you. With the new law, police can stop you and ask to see your permit. That stop will now allow the police officer to probe anything he/she desires after that initial stop. Guess who would be the main target of that abuse of power? Thats right. Same as always. As I said, I used to be stopped several times a week because "I looked like someone". The picture never looked like me. It got so bad with on person they were looking for that I needed to get a letter from the Chief of Police in Torrington stating to leave me alone and if they said another word besides have a good day, there would be consequences for harrassing a child. These males they were looking for were very dark, and old. I am light skinned. No comparison. It was harassment in every way. Will I need to worry about my every day jog around town not? Will I be stopped by every Officer on the way around town because I am running and have a gun? I have never had someone call the police on my on a jog because i open carried. Why would they? This law can put every gun owner in Connecticut that doesnt concealed carry in potential harms way with the way a very small group of police officers have been acting around the USA. That group of law abiding gun owner includes me. Criminals do not open carry. Criminals do not follow laws. They are criminals for a reason. By not speaking up you are allowing the Governor and his Officials to try making us into the criminals. More and more people are becoming legal gun owners in the USA. 1/3 of new owners are women. Gun purchases by Black Americans are up 58% and Latinos are up 49%. These are law abiding citizens, citizens that are potencial voters, and we are sick of being told its our fault. We are not the criminals. How can we call ourselves the Constitution State when we are an embarrassment to the Constitution.

You make new laws and new criminals with the stroke of a pen. You give a real criminal a slap on the hand, but would give a law abiding citizen exercising their second amendment right the max. I'm still trying to find out where the constitution in The Constitution State actually is.

Please tell the Governor to focus on stopping violent crime and yes - ILLEGAL usage of firearms, because no rational person wants it to continue. I am 100% behind the Governor and Officials to lessen gun crime. But making it more difficult for law abiding Connecticut residents and families to learn to handle firearms responsibly and safely; DEMONIZING owners of so-called "assault weapons(assault is an action, not an object. My AR can not and will not fire without my action)"; and further infringing on our constitutional rights in an already overly-strict state is not the solution. Connecticut never should have gotten rid of the gun task force in the first place. That action helped bring illegal weapons into the state. That is the Connecticut Government's doing. Not mine. How can a task force be too big to deal with communities. That sounds like an oxymoron to me. "Too big to help". Pretending that I am the problem only makes me distrust my Government even more.

Thank you so much for your consideration and have a great rest of your day.

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